total number of samples drawn during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) A_s per Drugs and Cosmetics Rules each drug manufacturer is required to have his own testing laboratory. Available information with the Government reveals that there are 93 units in Maharashtra which do not hav_e their own testing laboratories. These units have obtained stay orders in the Bombaj High Court against the orders of the Commissioner Food and Drugs Aa-ministration, Maharashtra, requiring them to provide .Analytical laboratories.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Drugs nnd Cosmetics Rules provide that for tests requiring sophisticated instrumentation techniques and other special tests, manufacturers ean get their samples tested at private laboratories approved hy the State Licensing aiVhorities. List of these approved testing laboratories, a_s available with this Ministry is anoexed. (See Appendix CXLIX. Annexure No. 126.)

(f) There are 4 Central Government laboratories in the country. The Central and State Government laboratories do not test samples sent hy the manufacturers. Only samples received from Drug Inspectors undf>r the provisions of the Drugs $_a$nd Cosmetics Act and Rules, are tested by these Central and State Government laboratories.

Study on K-Band Satellites

2205. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING he pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Informatics Centre has prepared a feasibility study on K-band satellites, which will reduce the cost of setting up earth stations;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the extent to which this will be capable of serving the earth stations and by when the same is likeiy to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAM ME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRl MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) A study on the possibility of using a special purpose K-band satel lite for only data communication bet ween computers has been initiated by fcbe National Informatics Centre with the objective of examining technolo gies which can reduce the cost of set« ting up of earth stations in its network, NICNET. The study is i_n t«e prelimi nary stage.

(c) It is too eariy a stage to speci fy the capacity of the satellite. However, if found feasible and th_e cost oi the project affordable, implementation is likeiy to be taken up during the 3th Fiv_e Year Pla_n period.

Spreading of Malaria in various Districts of Orissa

2206. SHRl JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ar_e aware of tshe spreading of Malaria in Koraput, Phulbani and Keonjhar districts of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps $take_n$ by Government to eradicate malaria in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No report on spread of Malaria in Koraput, Phulbani and Keonjhar districts of Orissa has been